
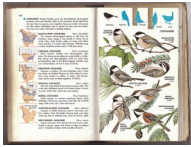




# April

## EAGLE CREEK PARK 2018

**Earth Discovery Center (EDC)** 317-327-7148  
**Ornithology Center (OC)** 317-327-BIRD (2473)  
 Open Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5  
**56th St. Admin. Office** 317-327-7110  
 Open Monday-Friday 9-5

Programs located at:  
**Earth Discovery Center**  
**Ornithology Center**  
 Other (location)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Easter <b>9am Birdwalk</b> <b>1:30pm Feeding Time</b> <b>2:30pm Meet a Raptor</b>	<b>2</b> Eagle Creek Outfitters and GoApe are open in April! Eagle Creek Outfitters, features boat and bike rentals, opens April 7th. GoApe, the parks high ropes obstacle course, opens March 29th. 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>8:30am Volunteer Coffee Talk</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10am Homeschool Jamboree</b> <b>4pm Migration Game</b>	<b>7</b> 7-11am DINO Trail Run <b>9am Hike Series</b> <b>9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir</b> <b>1:30pm Discovery Class</b> <b>2:30pm Raptor Feeding</b>
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<b>22</b> Earth Day <b>9am Birdwalk</b> <b>1:30pm Feeding Time</b> <b>2:30pm Meet a Raptor</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11am Indy Free Tree giveaway for Arbor Day (downtown, Monument Circle) <b>4pm Migration Game</b>	<b>28</b> <b>9am Hike Series</b> <b>9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir</b> <b>9:30am-4:30pm Arbor Day Celebration</b> <b>1:30pm Discovery Class</b> <b>2:30pm Raptor Feeding</b>
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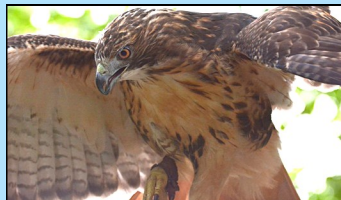
## Recurring Programs

### Saturdays:

**Hike Series**, 9-10:30am at the Ornithology Center. Explore a different trail each morning including the little-known westside trails. Naturalist guide and binoculars provided! \$3/person; children under 10 free with paid adult. Walk-ins welcome.

**Story Time on the Reservoir**, 9:30am at the Earth Discovery Center. After reading a nature-themed story, participants will visit stations at their own pace. Stations will vary but may include puppets, coloring pages, artifacts with a naturalist, or additional books. Program best suited for preschool and kindergarten, but early elementary students are welcome to join. Free with park admission.

**Nature Discovery Class**, 1:30pm at the Earth Discovery Center. Stop by every Saturday for a fun activity! Topics vary - possible activities include nature hikes, pond life, simple crafts, and more! Free with park admission.



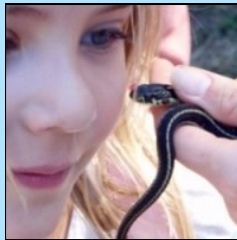
**Raptor Feeding Time**, 2:30pm at the Ornithology Center. Join a naturalist to watch us feed one or more of our birds of prey. Feeding only takes a few minutes so don't be late! Free with park admission.

### Sundays:

**Sunday Morning Birdwalk**, 9-11am at the Ornithology Center. Join a group of new and experienced birders for a brisk morning bird walk! Meets rain or shine. Walk is not geared toward children but they are welcome to attend. Free with park admission.

**EDC Feeding Time**, 1:30-2pm at the Earth Discovery Center. Watch as our educational amphibians, reptiles, and other critters enjoy their lunch! On the menu: worms, mice, salad, crickets, and frozen bloodworms, yum! Free with park admission.

**Meet A Raptor**, 2:30-3pm at the Ornithology Center. Join a naturalist to discover the world of raptors! You will meet one or more of our special birds of prey and learn about what makes them raptors. Free with park admission.



### Fridays:

**Migration Game**, 4pm at the Ornithology Center. Designed for ages 6-12, our obstacle course teaches children about migratory birds and the hazards that they face. Join us for this outdoor adventure time. Free with park admission.

## April Programs

To register go to [www.indyparks.org](http://www.indyparks.org) and enter the 5 digit course #. Free programs do not require registration.

Apr 1 (Sat) **Go Ape Open**, call 1-800-454-0193 or visit [goape.com](http://goape.com) to reserve your adventure!

Apr 4 (Wed) **Volunteer Coffee Talk**, 8:30am at the Earth Discovery Center. Join us the first Wednesday of every month for an environmental presentation. A great way to meet volunteers and learn more about opportunities. Everyone welcome! Free with park admission.

Apr 6 (Fri) **Homeschool Jamboree**, 10am at the Earth Discovery Center. Registration begins March 5 and is open for 2 weeks or until full. To register go to [www.indyparks.org](http://www.indyparks.org) and enter course code #14501.

Apr 7, 8 (Sat, Sun) **Eagle Creek Outfitters Opens**, call 317-327-7130 or visit [eaglecreek-outfitters.com](http://eaglecreek-outfitters.com) to reserve!

Apr 11 (Wed) **Introduction to Field Guides**, 2-3pm at the Ornithology Center. Learn tricks to using field guides to identify birds and wildlife. Join naturalists on a hike for first hand experience! No previous experience necessary. Free with park admission.

Apr 12 (Thurs) **Little Ducklings-Water**, 10:30-11:30am at the Ornithology Center. Learn ways to engage your preschooler in nature and encourage their curiosity in the natural world. Topics will be introduced through hands-on activities, hikes, stories, and take-home ideas for continuing exploration at home. Sign up for a single class or multiple! Ages 3-5 with adult, \$5/child, #14557.

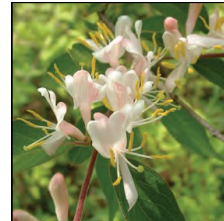
Apr 13 (Fri) **Friday Night FrogWatch**, 8:30-10pm, meeting at the Earth Discovery Center. Learn about frogs, frog calls, and visit a pond to search for frogs themselves! Bring flashlights, wear old shoes, and a rain jacket if raining. Everyone age 3+ must be registered. We will be around water at night, so be sure to register enough adults to supervise any children. \$5/person, #14977

Apr 21 (Sat) **Indiana DNR Free Fishing Day**, all day. Indiana DNR hosts 4 Free Fishing Days a year. On these special days, Indiana residents who are age 18 and older can fish public waters without needing a fishing license or a trout stamp. Free with park admission.

April 28 (Sat) **Arbor Day Celebration**, 9:30am-4:30pm at the Earth Discovery Center. We are planning a fun-filled day to celebrate Arbor Day! Various activities from hiking to games will be available where visitors will have fun learning about trees. Activities will be both indoors and outdoors so please come prepared for the weather. Free with park admission

## Did You Know?

- Invasive species, such as Asian bush honeysuckle and Canada thistle, are classified as such because they have a competitive advantage over natives. They grow rapidly, reproduce quickly, and adapt easily to a variety of habitats.



- Garlic mustard is considered one of the most destructive invasive plants in our state.
- An often-planted ornamental tree, the Bradford Pear, has quickly become an invasive

species that harms native plants and trees that support our native wildlife. Consider planting a native alternative. For spring blooms, the redbud tree is a showy and reliable native.

- There are many options for planting native! For more information about native and invasive species or to see a list of the best places across Indiana to purchase native plants visit [www.growindiananatives.org](http://www.growindiananatives.org)

